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- a) providing text description of one or more operational steps pertaining to the medical device.

42) The method according to claim 41, further comprising:

- a) providing one or more still images illustrating the concept disclosed by the text description of the one or more operational steps.

43) The method according to claim 41, further comprising:

providing a video illustrating the concept disclosed by the text description of the one or more operational steps.

REMARKS

The claims were amended to overcome the informalities objection. This included amending Claims 41-43 to recite "method" instead of "business method". Further, Claim 1, 14, 26, and 27 have been made to clarify the claimed invention.

Claims 1, 4, 7-10, 12-14, 16, 18, 21-24, 26, 27, 30, 33-36, 38, and 40-43 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,074,213, issued to Hon et al. Claims 2, 5-6, 11, 15, 19-20, 25, 28, 31-32, 37, and 39 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Hon et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,113, issued to Parker et al. Based on the following, these rejections are respectfully traversed.

In response to the above rejection, it is respectfully submitted that the claims recite features neither taught nor suggested by Hon et al. alone or in combination with Parker et al. In particular, such features include "...generating a feedback indicating the

correctness on the use of the medical device, as recited in Claim 1. Further, a similar feature is also recited in Claim 14, 26, 27, and 38.

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification at page 8, lines 4-10, describes the interaction of simulated medical devices, wherein a feedback is provided to indicate whether the interaction with the simulated medical devices is performed correctly.

In contrast, Honet al. discloses, as read by the applicants, that various remote stations participate in a simulation with various instruments as if the simulation occur in the same operating room, and each station is able obtain a feedback from other stations of their respective roles during simulation (column 11, lines 23-38).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the presently recited “...generating a feedback indicating the correctness on the use of the medical device” is not anticipated by Hon et al.

The argument set forth in Claim 1 equally applies to Claims 14, 26, 27, and 38, thus urged allowable for the same reason. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claims 1, 14, 26, 27, and 38 are not anticipated nor made obvious by Hon et al. alone or in combination with Parker et al. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

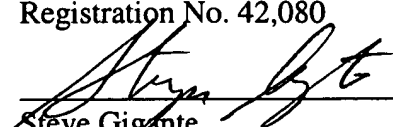
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Title: WEB ENABLED MEDICAL DEVICE TRAINING

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 2) (amended) A method for providing instructional information on the use of a medical device to a user computer, the method comprising:
- a) receiving a request for instructional information on the use of the medical device over a network, the request originating from the user computer;
 - b) providing a first graphical user interface having a list of instructional topics associated with the medical device to the user computer in response to the request;
 - c) providing a second graphical user interface having a list of instructional sub-topics associated with an item on the list of instructional topics to the user computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of instructional topics from the user computer; [and]
 - d) providing a plurality of instructional graphical user interfaces having instructional information pertaining to an item on the list of instructional sub-topics to the user

computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of the instructional sub-topic from the user computer[.] ; and

e) generating a feedback indicating the correctness on the use of the medical device.

14) (amended) A system for providing instructional information on the use of a medical device, the system comprising:

a) a network;

b) a user computer coupled to the network for requesting instructional information on the use of the medical device; and

c) a server couple to the network;

wherein the server provides a first graphical user interface having a list of instructional topics associated with the medical device to the user computer in response to the request for instruction, provides a second graphical user interface having a list of instructional sub-topics associated with an item on the list of instructional topics to the user computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of instructional topics from the user computer, [and] provides a plurality of instructional graphical user interfaces having instructional information pertaining to an item on the list of instructional sub-topics to the user computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of the instructional sub-topic from the user computer[.], and generates a feedback indicating the correctness on the use of the medical device.

26) (amended) A computer program article of manufacture, comprising:

- a) a computer-readable medium for providing instructional information on the use of a medical device;
- b) executable instructions in the computer-readable medium for receiving a request for instructional information on the use of the medical device over a network, the request originating from a user computer;
- c) executable instructions in the computer-readable medium for providing a first graphical user interface having a list of instructional topics associated with the medical device to the user computer in response to the request;
- d) executable instructions in the computer-readable medium for providing a second graphical user interface having a list of instructional sub-topics associated with an item on the list of instructional topics to the user computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of instructional topics from the user computer; [and]
- e) executable instructions in the computer-readable medium for providing a plurality of instructional graphical user interfaces having instructional information pertaining to an item on the list of instructional sub-topics to the user computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of the instructional sub-topic from the user computer[.]; and
- f) executable instructions in the computer-readable medium for generating a feedback indicating the correctness on the use of the medical device.

27) (amended) A business method for providing instructional information on the use of a medical device to a customer computer, the method comprising:

- a) receiving a request for instructional information on the use of the medical device over a network, the request originating from the customer computer;
- b) providing a first graphical user interface having a list of instructional topics associated with the medical device to the customer computer in response to the request;
- c) providing a second graphical user interface having a list of instructional sub-topics associated with an item on the list of instructional topics to the customer computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of instructional topics from the customer computer; [and]
- d) providing a plurality of instructional graphical user interfaces having instructional information pertaining to an item on the list of instructional sub-topics to the customer computer in response to receiving a request for the item on the list of the instructional sub-topic from the customer computer[.]; and
- e) generating a feedback indicating the correctness on the use of the medical device.

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